



Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014 ~ Lawson Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wallace Arnold, Scott Arnott, Charlene Clark, Phil Egert, Chris Jacobson, William Lewis, Scott Seymour, Mark Stephens

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Sturk (Executive Director), Bonnie Brown (Assistant City Attorney), Annette Oakley (Clerk)

GUEST PRESENT: Laura Bateman (Bateman Consulting), John Gately (MAC), Craig Quigley (HRMFFA), Julie Gifford (Office of Veterans & Defense Affairs), Mike Yazkowsky (Economic Development), Mo Umair (Zel Tech)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lewis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Annette Oakley called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Lewis stated the minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting were distributed and if there were no changes, called for a motion to approve.

ACTION: A motion was made by Wallace Arnold to accept the minutes as written. Phil Egert seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Clark, Egert, Jacobson, Lewis, Seymour, Stephens

Nays: None

Absent: Rotkis

Abstain: None

REPORTS & BRIEFINGS: **Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference Report** – Mr. Sturk stated he and Craig Quigley both attended the ADC Conference in San Antonio, Texas in February. It was a great conference; focused on public-private partnerships, environmental issues, etc. He stated Colonel Chisenhall also attended the conference and participated on a panel regarding public-private partnerships. Mr. Sturk reported there will be another conference in Washington DC in June, which he plans to attend.

Langley Air Force Base Clear Zone Briefing – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on the LAFB Clear Zone, reviewing the clear zone map of properties with the Authority (copy on file). Some properties are still pending and some are being acquired; most properties that have facilities or structures that the City is acquiring will be demolished. The next

phase will be terms of a lease agreement that allows Langley to maintain the properties (i.e. mow, etc.) to keep the areas undeveloped.

Mr. Egert inquired if the City can get any wetlands credit. Mr. Sturk stated no, the bulk of the wetlands are outside the Clear Zone and there wasn't much wetlands for credits. He stated Laura Bateman is working with our delegation (Delegate Helsel, Senator Locke, and Senator Norment) and others to pursue getting the additional funding request from the General Assembly that City Council put forward to continue our efforts with clear zone acquisitions. The City is also working with Mike Coleman on current state funding activities.

Councilman Moffett inquired about Parcel 21. Mr. Sturk stated there have been numerous discussions on this property and staff has not been able to make much headway, but continues to have open lines of communications to hopefully come to a resolution and move forward. He stated overall, Langley Air Force Base is extremely pleased with the progress and there are many positive points if there were to be future discussions of BRAC.

Mr. Arnold inquired about conversations with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and trading off pieces of property. Mr. Sturk stated staff briefed EDA and it's a good idea to update them and see if there are any opportunities.

Mr. Sturk thanked Councilman Moffett and City Council for helping push this forward to elected officials and he also thanked Laura Bateman for her assistance.

Local Federal Area Updates:

- Langley Air Force Base (LAFB) – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on LAFB, stating tomorrow is the final planning meeting regarding the Public-Public-Private-Public P-4 Partnership. The planning committee will bring back tangible items to discuss with the leadership committee at a tabletop exercise on April 17th, and then enter into intergovernmental agreements, MOUs, contracts, etc. He stated each of the P-4 groups; Live, Learn, Work and Play, have subcommittees that came up with some ideas. Some examples are; Air Force EMT ride-along with Hampton's emergency medical technicians and also combining public works contracts on things, such as snow removal.

Chairman Lewis stated these are the kinds of activities that help if a BRAC situation should come up and is a great way of forward thinking.

- NASA Langley Research Center – Mr. Sturk gave a brief update on NASA, highlighting the budget and the New Town Project, which continues to receive funds and accolades. He stated there will be an Open Forum regarding the NASA budget on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.
- Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center (HVAMC) – Mr. Sturk stated he will be meeting with Mr. Dunfee on Wednesday. Their budget is looking very well and they continue to grow their footprint and workforce. He stated in the near future there will be a 'tsunami' of veterans as a result of the drawdowns, so anything we can do to support that influx, as far as veteran's needs, would be beneficial. The City of Hampton is working with the VA on the I-64 overpass

that goes into downtown Phoebus to install traffic lights that will be handicap-user friendly for our veterans to go from the VA into Phoebus.

Chairman Lewis inquired about the funding for the traffic lights. Mr. Sturk stated it will be City funded and is on City property. He will inquire with the Public Works Director if this is budgeted.

Hampton Roads Military Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA) – Craig Quigley gave a brief update on HRMFFA activities, highlighting the following items:

- Budget – included Hampton Roads BRAC and Sequestration discussions
- Board Meeting will be on March 20th – proposed legislative priorities will be presented to the Board for their consideration

Chairman Lewis stated if the HFADA gets the opportunity to support HRMFFA efforts via letter, etc., it is on board to do so. Mr. Stephens inquired about Mr. Quigley being on the radio show with Kathy Lewis regarding commissaries. Mr. Quigley responded Secretary Hagel is very clear on what he wants to transition the Commissaries to; from a benefit today to a business-like model of providing those services.

Legislative Update – Laura Bateman gave a brief update on the General Assembly, which goes back into session on March 24th. She reported on the following budget related items for Hampton:

- Remove the ‘payment in lieu of taxes’ gap regarding Fort Monroe Authority
- Clear Zone funding for LAFB - \$2 million for FY15 and FY16
- Funding for Virginia Air and Space Center (partnership with Science Museum of Virginia and Virginia Living Museum)

Ms. Bateman also provided handouts regarding bills of interest, particularly for veterans. She mentioned the following:

- Fort Monroe - A bill which clarifies land use powers
- FMA Board of Trustees – Lt. Governor now serves on the board
- VOICCE – Governor McAuliffe announced a Cyber Security Task Force
- Veterans – several pieces of veterans-related legislation

Hampton Military Affairs Committee (MAC) – John Gately gave a brief update on the following activities;

- MAC held two brainstorming sessions (Skunk Works) in January – a major takeaway; ‘advocate’ (advocate for Hampton and the military)
- New tagline - ‘The MAC Because the Military Matters’
- The Freedom Support Center is closing March 31st; they did not have the business as anticipated, nor the phone traffic
- ‘Transition on the Go’ – helping veterans look for employment - was held this past Thursday
- Celebration of Military Child at 11:00 at Peninsula Town Center on April 26th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sea Level Rise - Mr. Sturk stated we have started initial conversation with our federal partners on future recommendations/ideas regarding sea level rise. The Waterways Commission is looking at various components of water and the impact to our City. Staff feels it’s a broader issue than just Hampton, as we have federal entities (VA, NASA, and Langley Air Force Base) that could be impacted.

Community Leaders Breakfast – Mr. Sturk reported on keynote speakers for the upcoming Community Leaders Breakfasts, which start at 8:00 a.m.:

- March 28th - Colonel Allen of Joint Base Eustis-Langley
- May 24th - Secretary of Natural Resources, Molly Joseph Ward
- September 26th – Admiral Harvey, Veterans Defense and Affairs

Ms. Bateman added comments regarding a resolution that passed the General Assembly dealing with recurrent flooding and a Commemorative Statewide Study on this issue that came out of the Hampton Roads region because of our federal facilities.

In regards to the Community Leaders Breakfast, Chairman Lewis stated he attends the meetings and the speakers are very informative every month and it is a quality time.

OTHER BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS: **BRAC Update/Discussion** – Mr. Sturk reported he talked to Mr. Quigley about BRAC and that the previous Governor had brought a commission together to look at the State of the Military installation in the Commonwealth. The Commission released its report and its being vetted and overseen through Secretary Harvey's (Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security) office. The report stated some very high level strategic recommendations in regards to BRAC. Mr. Sturk stated we would be playing offense and defense in a BRAC situation. He stated the Commonwealth is well positioned based on organizations in place, such as HRMFFA, HFADA, etc.

Julie Gifford stated there are some recommendations; in the report that are not fully embraced by the Governor or Secretary at this point. Mr. Quigley stated the single one recommendation that has had the most coverage has been the embracing of BRAC, but there are some wonderful ideas that should be embraced.

Mr. Arnold stated we've had good representation from various sources – he has served on various commissions - and as we get opportunities to get on committees related to these issues, we should. It would be good to continue efforts of the Governor's commission. He stated we should show we have symmetry in the Hampton Roads area and share our story of how well we are tied together. The key to what we do is to keep a full court press on trying to get commissions from a state and regional point of view.

Versability Resources, Inc. – Chairman Lewis stated he sits on the Board of Versability, formerly The ARC of the Virginia Peninsula. He has talked with Mr. Seymour on a couple of occasions about ways the HFADA can pursue opportunities, such as a potential bond issue and working with another entity to do so. He stated the HFADA could work with a non-profit on this and asked for thoughts/comments. Ms. Brown stated she will look into the legal part, but a subcommittee can be created to look into this idea further. Mr. Arnott stated we would have to tie this into a HFADA effort; possibly a link with P-4 Partnership project. After some discussion, Chairman Lewis asked to create a subcommittee.

ACTION: Chairman Lewis made a motion to create a committee to look into a potential opportunity. Chris Jacobson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Arnold, Arnott, Clark, Egert, Jacobson, Lewis, Seymour, Stephens
Nays: None
Absent: Rotkis
Abstain: None

Chairman Lewis appointed the following to serve on the committee; Bruce Sturk, Bonnie Brown, Mike Yazkowsky and Scott Arnott.

Chairman Lewis gave commendation to Craig Quigley, John Gately and Laura Bateman for their work, expertise and advice and stated we are well represented.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlene Clark".

Charlene Clark
Secretary/Treasurer

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